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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 24, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

God our Father, because the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of this age, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of all those who truly serve the public, we pray for those in government here in these United States, as well as those serving in foreign governments. May they be true to their calling.

Help all to learn from their mistakes in the past. By working tirelessly for that justice which will bring about true and lasting peace, may Your servants be encouraged to do what is right for the common good of all.

You reveal that those who hunger for justice and work for peace will surely be known as Your sons and daughters. In this we trust now and forever, Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 52. Joint resolution recognizing the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in Baltimore, Maryland, as the official national museum of dentistry in the United States.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 877. An act to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet.

S. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that community inclusion and enhanced lives for individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities is at serious risk because of the crisis in recruiting and retaining direct support professionals, which impedes the availability of a stable, quality direct support workforce.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 22, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 22, 2003 at 9:10 a.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report S. 3.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,  
*Deputy Clerk of the House.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, October 22, 2003:

S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion;

S. 1591, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 48 South Broadway, Nyack, New York, as the "Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building."

### APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF INTERPARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 103(c) of Public Law 108-83 (2 U.S.C. 130-2), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Martha C. Morrison as Director of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs of the United States House of Representatives.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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